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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2005 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2005 should be the representative of a member of the Asian States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 19 January 2005 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

In its resolution 2004/60, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supported the process and to report to the Council thereon.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

In its resolution 2004/61, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea Bissau until its organizational session in 2005, with the purpose of monitoring the implementation of its recommendations, following closely the humanitarian situation and the economic and social conditions unfolding in the country and reporting, as appropriate, to the Council and its organizational session in 2005.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

Regional cooperation

In its decision 2004/324, the Council decided to defer, to its organizational session in 2005, its consideration of draft resolution III, entitled "Implementation of resolutions concerning the participation of associate member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Council", which had been approved by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirtieth session for adoption by the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention (E/2004/15/Add.2), draft resolution III.

Sustainable development

In its decision 2004/325, the Council decided to defer, to its organizational session in 2005, its consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its third session (E/2004/44)

Coordination segment of the Council

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

In its decision 2004/292, the Council decided to continue consultations on a multi-year work programme for the coordination segment of the Council, with a view to finalizing the programme before the beginning of the next substantive session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2004/71)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2005 and 2006 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2004/294, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2005 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities".

In its decision 2004/292, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2005 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2005.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2005 and 2006 (E/2005/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 200 (E/2005/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2005

	Term expires on 31 December
Albania	2007
Armenia	2006
Australia	2007
Azerbaijan	2005
Bangladesh	2006
Belgium	2006
Belize	2006
Benin	2005
Brazil	2007
Canada	2006
Chad	2007
China	2007
Colombia	2006
Congo	2005
Costa Rica	2007
Cuba	2005
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2007
Denmark	2007
Ecuador	2005
France	2005
Germany	2005
Greece	2005
Guinea	2007
Iceland	2007
India	2007
Indonesia	2006
Ireland	2005
Italy	2006
Jamaica	2005
Japan	2005
Kenya	2005
Lithuania	2007
Malaysia	2005
Mauritius	2006
Mexico	2007
Mozambique	2005
Namibia	2006
Nicaragua	2005
Nigeria	2006
Pakistan	2007
Panama	2006
Poland	2006
Republic of Korea	2006
Russian Federation	2007

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Saudi Arabia	2005
Senegal	2005
South Africa	2007
Thailand	2007
Tunisia	2006
Turkey	2005
United Arab Emirates	2006
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2007
United Republic of Tanzania	2006
United States of America	2006